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PAINT THE TOWN

PURPLE

Will it be Grant County Supt. Ron Livingood or Williamstown Supt. Sally Skinner who gets a purple pie in the face on Jan. 21 at GCHS.
See page 3 for details!

Ice, snow blamed in fatal accident

By Jamie Baker-Nantz
Editor

A Corbin woman was killed on Interstate-75 following a series of crashes due to icy road conditions.

Nora Green, 28, was pronounced dead at the scene by Grant County Deputy Coroner Harold Elliston on Dec. 26.

The accident occurred at 12:28 p.m. at the 165-mile marker north on I-75 near Crittenden when a 1999 Honda driven by Jacob Evans, 29, of Owensboro smashed into the back of a parked vehicle.

According to Kentucky State Police, Evans lost control of his car and hit a 2011 Ford Ranger pickup truck, which was parked on the right shoulder of the roadway. The truck belonged to O'Reilly's Auto Parts and was driven by Danny Marsh, 67, of Boone County.

Marsh, who was not in the truck at the time of the wreck, had stopped to assist another non-related crash.

Green, a passenger in the Honda, was Evan's wife. Evans was transported by ambulance to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Florence for his injuries.

David P. Jones, public affairs officer for KSP Post 6 in Dry Ridge, said alcohol and speed were not factors at this time, but toxicology results were pending. Road conditions were a factor in the accident.

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YEAR IN REVIEW



A tornado ripped through Grant County on March 3, 2012 and left destruction in Crittenden and surrounding areas.



2012

WHAT MADE THE NEWS?

From ice storms to deadly tornadoes, 2012 was an eventful one in Grant County. Many news stories graced the front page of the Grant County News that will have a lasting effect on the community.
This is a sample of the stories from the year.





JANUARY

• Four accidents leave 75 vehicles damaged on Interstate 75 after snow and ice fell on Grant County.

• Three fires in less than a month leaves two families homeless and a summer home in ruins. A two-story log home just off Day Road, a two-story home in Mason and a home on Napolean-Zion Station Road were destroyed in the unrelated blazes.

• The Fox television series "The Real Winning Edge" highlights Felicity Spicer's fight against thyroid cancer.

• Seven Food Lion stores in Kentucky, including one in Dry Ridge, closes its doors.

• The Grant County High School Career and Technology Center makes plans to offer community classes in the new facility.

• Rodger Bingham, affectionately known as "Kentucky Joe" on the reality show "Survivor," is fired from his public relations job with the state by new Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer.

• Christopher Dennis Jr., of Corinth pleads guilty to first-degree manslaughter in the 2010 shooting death of Ruben Eppele in Owen County.

• In the annual Coaches vs. Cancer battle, WHS and GCHS fans together raised more than $4,100 in the fight against cancer.

FEBRUARY

• The Grant County Fire Chiefs' Association proposes a new emergency services taxing district to the Grant County Fiscal Court to help with funding for fire departments and ambulance services.

• Long-time State Rep. Royce Adams, D-Dry Ridge, announces he will pull out of his re-election bid and retire at the end of the year, citing health issues.

• Jason Stephens, a part-time deputy jailer at the Grant County Detention Center, is indicted on charges of bribery of a public servant and official misconduct. Two inmates, Joshua Sexton and Jason Angel, also were indicted for bribery of a public servant and being persistent felony offenders.

• Ark Encounter LLC closes on final piece of property for upcoming tourist project. With funding efforts impacted by sluggish economy, project will be built in phases.

• A Cynthiana fire claims the lives of Rachel and Jacquline Chesnut, daughters of GCMS teacher Shelly Chesnut.

• Williamstown City Council votes 3-2 to not to approve a text amendment that would allow the development of a truck stop in a highway development commercial zone.

• Nala, the Grant County Sheriff's Office canine, died unexpectedly at the home of her partner/handler Deputy Brian Maines.

MARCH

• The Kentucky Supreme Court grants a new trial for Brandon Barnhill of Crittenden in the 2009 death of his girlfriend's 13-month-old daughter.

• Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, "disappointed" after expanded gaming bill he co-sponsors with Gov. Steve Beshear is defeated 21-16 in the Senate.

• Gov. Steve Beshear appoints Jim Hendy to the Dry Ridge City Council to fill the unexpired term of Jamie Webster, who resigned in Oct. 2011.

• Four men arrested in connection with three separate incidents of copper and metal thefts in Grant County.

• A F3 tornado slams into Crittenden with 123 mile-per-hour winds damaging many homes, especially those in the Harvesters Subdivision. Tornadoes, which also struck other parts of Northern Kentucky and the state hard, also left several dead.

• The Mason Post Office closes its doors, ending Jewel Bruce's 43-year career as postmaster.

• Grant County declared a disaster area after tornado as federal aid becomes available to victims. Criitenden Baptist becomes relief center.

• Break-in occurs at Marathon Station in Williamstown, incident may be related to break-ins at Peg's Pit Stop in Corinth and the Jonesville Country Store.





BOOSTER GROUPS

Williamstown Band Boosters - 6 p.m. Jan. 9. in the WHS band room.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Industrial Development Authority - 1:30 p.m., Jan. 9. Grant County Chamber office, Main Street, Williamstown.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Williamstown Kiwanis - Noon Wednesdays, Country Grill, Dry Ridge.

Crittenden/Dry Ridge Masonic Lodge #694 - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 5. Masonic Lodge, Main St., Crittenden. Call Jerry Keith 859-393-5169 for more information.

CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS

Grant Co. Flight of Civil Air Patrol - Mondays. 6:30 p.m. National Guard Armory. Walton. For information e-mail grantcountycap@gmail.com or go to www.kywgcap.org/.

Corinth Women's Club - 6 p.m. Jan. 3. Noble's Restaurant, Corinth.

Order of Easter Star #301 - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3. Masonic Lodge #85, Main St., Williamstown.

Grant County Cattlemen's Association - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 . Grant Co. Extension Office, Williamstown.

Grant County Farm Bureau Federation - 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3. Farm Bureau office, 486 Helton, Williamstown.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Grant County Community Partnership For Protecting Children 11:30 a.m. Jan. 3(1st Thursday). Dry Ridge Christian Church. Group focuses on prevention program and services that protect children in Grant County. Bring your lunch. For more information, call Allison Mortenson at 859-824-1270.

Helping Hands - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 214 Barnes Road, Williamstown. Group's purpose is to provide emergency help, including food, clothing and furniture to needy families. Call 859-823-0286 for more information.

Grant CountyThrift Store - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. 1398 N. Main St., Williamstown. Offers clothing and household items for sale to general public. For more information call 859-823-1327

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dry Ridge Reuse Center - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday, 22 Warsaw Road, Dry Ridge. Non-profit offers new and used discounted building materials and home goods for sale to the public. Call Pastor Troy at 859-803-6043 for more information.



HOPE (Helping Out People Everywhere) - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday. 60 S. Main, Dry Ridge, A non-denominational Christian organization collects and distributes free to those in need. Id required.

EDUCATION

GED Studies - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. 315 School Road (behind Grant County Middle School) Dry Ridge. Appointments are required. New online studies are available. Call 859-823-1341 for an appointment or more information or go to www.grantged.com. Note: The Kentucky GED certificate can not be earned nor obtained via the Internet or through coorespondence programs.

EXERCISE/FITNESS

Zumba Fitness Classes - 5 p.m. Monday and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Williamstown Christian Church and 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Sherman Elementary gym. Call 859-462-1115 for information.

Body Works Gym - (Fashion Ridge Road by Cracker Barrel, Dry Ridge). Mondays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: butts and guts - 6 p.m. zumba - 7 p.m.; Wednesdays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m.; core - 7 p.m.; Thursdays: zumba - 7 p.m.; Fridays: zumba - 5 p.m.; aerobics - 6 p.m. and Saturdays: butts and guts - 9 a.m. Non-members - $3; members - free.



Dance classes - Tuesdays: zumba - 6 p.m. and belly dancing - 7 p.m. ; Thursdays: zumba - 6 p.m.; Cha Cha - 7 p.m. Private lessons available on Thursdays. Saturdays: Salsa- 6:30 p.m.; East Coast Swing - 7:30 p.m. and waltz- 8:30 p.m. DC Ballroom, 1125 Fashion Ridge Road, Dry Ridge. Call 859-743-7672 for appointment.

Yoga - 6 - 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Lloyd's Welfare House, Crittenden. Call 859-428-YOGA (9642) to register.

Clogging classes - 6 - 8 p.m. - Tuesdays, JMB Center, Taft Hwy. Dry Ridge. Call Fonda Hill at 859-760-8497 or by e-mail at f.hill711@insightbb.com for more information.

HEALTH

Care Net Pregnancy Services - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 305 N. Main, Williamstown. Free pregnancy tests are available, as well as education about options. Call 859-824-0123 for information.

JUST FOR SENIORS

Pinhook (Crittenden) Senior Citizens - 9 a.m. Wednesdays, in the former Crittenden City Building (next to the Crittenden Fire House). Call 859-428-0213.

TELL US ABOUT IT

The Grant County News publishes items in the Community Calendar free of charge. Send items to: Calendar, P.O. Box 247, Williamstown, KY 41097 or e-mail them to: gcneditorial@grantky.com or fax them to 824-5888 by noon on Monday.



WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE GRANT COUNTY NEWS? - Steve and Carolyn Paynter and Joyce Hepfer went to Niagara Falls, Canada and took the Grant County News with them. When you travel, pack the Grant County News, and snap a photo and send to gcneditorial@grantky.com. Include the names of those pictured, as well as the location along with your name and phone number. Stay tuned for where the News goes next.

GOVT. GATHERINGS

Grant County Conservation District Board of Supervisors - 7 p.m. Jan. 7. USDA Service Center, 486 Helton St., Williamstown.

Corinth City Commission - 7 p.m. Jan. 7. 215 Thomas Lane, Corinth.

Dry Ridge City Council - 7 p.m. Jan. 7. 31 Broadway, Dry Ridge.

Williamstown City Council - 7 p.m. Jan. 7. 400 N. Main, Williamstown.

Grant County Fiscal Court - 7 p.m. Jan. 7. Grant County Courthouse, Williamstown.

Crittenden City Council - 7 p.m. Jan. 8. 117 S. Main, Crittenden.

Grant County Board of Education - 6 p.m. Jan. 11. 820 Arnie Risen Blvd., Williamstown.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

TO REGISTER FOR A LIBRARY PROGRAM: Call 859-824-2080 or go to www.grantlib.org.

Hoxworth Blood Drive - 1 - 7 p.m. Jan. 7. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and not have a fever, sore throat or any flu or cold symptoms. Call 513-558-1304 for more information or register online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/grantlibrary. All successful donors will receive a voucher for a free bag of books at the January book sale.

Computer Basics - 6-7 p.m. Jan 9. Learn how to turn on a computer, open and close programs, create and save a file.

eReader How-To - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Jan. 5. If you got a Nook or a Kindle for Christmas, Wynita Worley will help you one-on-one register your device and get set up to download eBooks for free.

LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE - Jan. 12. Buy a bag for $2 and fill it with books. Media is $1 each. If you have books lying around your house, the library will accept them for the book sale.



POLITICAL GROUPS

Grant County Republican Party - 7 p.m., Jan. 8 . Williamstown City Building.

SITE-BASED COUNCILS

Sherman Elementary SBDM - 4 p.m. Jan. 3.

Crittenden - Mount Zion SBDM - 4 p.m. Jan. 7

Williamstown Elem. SBDM - 5:30 p.m. Jan. 3 in the elementary conference room.

Grant Co. Middle School SBDM - 6 p.m. Jan. 8.

Mason Corinth Elem. School SBDM - 3:30 p.m. Jan. 8

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Grant County Special Olympics - 7 p.m. Jan. 7. Williamstown Senior Center. This meeting is for coaches, athletes, parents and anyone interested in Special Olympics. For more information, call Beverly Bass at 859-322-7366.

SMOKING CESSATION

COOPER/CLAYTON METHOD - Free 13-week stop smoking program. Begins Jan. 3. Classes held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursdays at the Grant County Board of Education office. Sponsored by Grant County Board of Education. Led by trained facilitator. Program involves nicotine replacement products (gum, patches and lozenges), education sessions and support group. For more information, call 859-824-2962. Walk-ins are welcome.



SUPPORT GROUPS

AA (Alcoholic Anonymous) - 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Dry Ridge Christian Church.

Addiction Support Group - 30 Broadway, Dry Ridge. 7 p.m. Fridays. This is a Christ-centered addiction meeting. Call 859-824-5683 or go to gotaddictions@yahoo.com for more information.

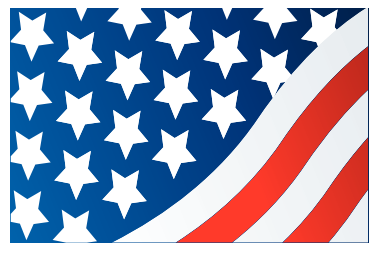
Journey Through Grief - 10:30 a.m. Jan. 7. Country Grill Restaurant in Dry Ridge. Call Faye Dungan at 859-823-1681 for more information

WEIGHT LOSS

Weight Watchers - Weigh-in - 5:30 p.m. Meeting - 6 p.m. Tuesday, St. William Catholic Church, 6 Church Drive, Williamstown.

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) - Weigh-in begins at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 6:30 p.m.. Tuesday Williamstown Christian Church, 318 N. Main, Williamstown. Call Verla Patton at 859-242-2773 or Faye Harvey at 859-428-2028.

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) - Weigh-in begins at 9 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. Fridays. Meeting is held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. St. William Catholic Church, 6 Church St., Williamstown. For information call Joyce at 859-654-2211.



VETERANS AFFAIRS

Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Grant County Courthouse, Williamstown. Staff will assist with non-service connected disability pensions and service-connected compensation claims. Call 859-824-0940 for an appointment.



MILESTONES

Smallwood inducted into Union College Business Hall of Fame

Terry Smallwood, of Lexington, vice president – investment officer of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC of Lexington graduated from Union College with a degree in accounting and business. Since then, he has been putting that degree to work, making himself one of the top financial advisors with Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC.

Since 2011, Smallwood has been ranked in the top 25 percent of financial advisors for the company, and also has been named vice president-investment officer and premier advisor in 2011.



Terry Smallwood

The Premier Advisors designation is held by a select group of Financial Advisors within Wells Fargo Advisors and reflects a high level of professional achievement based on many factors including production.

Smallwood was inducted into the Union College "Business and Professional" Hall of Fame on Oct. 27. Prior to joining Wells Fargo Advisors, Smallwood served as vice president of finance for Transco Coal Company. He is also active in his community, volunteering for 15 years with the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Kentucky/Southern Indiana Chapter.

In addition Smallwood is an active member in his local church, serving 20 years with the First Christian Church of London and 10 years with Central Christian Church in Lexington.

Tina Melton attends new clerk's orientation program

Kentucky's latest class of elected circuit court clerks got a jump start on preparing to take office at a comprehensive orientation program that the Administrative Office of the Courts provided Dec. 11-13 in Lexington. The new circuit court clerks were elected in the November 2012 general election and will take office Jan. 7, 2013.

Tina Melton of Grant County participated in the 2012 Circuit Court Clerks' Newly Elected Officials Orientation.



Tina Melton

Circuit court clerks serve six-year terms and are responsible for managing the records of Kentucky's Circuit and District courts.

The circuit court clerks attended sessions about driver licensing, legal forms, the court system's case management system, communications, court technology, the legislative process and distance learning opportunities. The orientation program also covered best practices, the legal responsibilities of a circuit court clerk and the role of a chief deputy clerk, who works closely with the circuit court clerk. The event included 14.75 hours of continuing education credit for the circuit court clerks. Experienced circuit court clerks, AOC personnel and others conducted the orientation sessions.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Dispatcher honored for quick action

By Jamie Baker-Nantz
Editor

It didn't matter that Rebecca Henry was off duty from her job as a 911 emergency dispatcher with the Kentucky State Police, when she heard a call for help, she answered .

Her selfless act earned her statewide recognition as the recipient of the 2012 Kentucky Governor's Ambassador Award for Courage.

After finishing up a night on third shift on April 26, 2012, she went home to get some sleep, but a loud noise awakened her around 3:30 p.m.

Her husband told her to call 911. She grabbed the phone and ran outside where she found a truck had slammed head on into a tree.

"I knew it was really bad, but I didn't see anyone in the vehicle," she said.

But she heard a moan and realized the driver was lying across the console.

"He was not conscious and gushing blood," she said. "I knew his neck was broke and he had a lot of facial fractures."

Henry didn't hesitate. She climbed inside and held his neck steady until an ambulance arrived.

"I just kept telling him I was there and to keep breathing," she said.

An older man stopped the wreck site and told Henry the young man was his son.

"I told him I'd do what I could," she said. So she stayed with the injured man, who was wedged in the vehicle and had to eventually be cut from the wreckage, for 45 minutes while help was on the way to her rural home in Pendleton County.

"It took a long time for them to get there. I was told he later coded in the helicopter," she said.

The young man was fortunate and survived his injuries. When he was able he found Henry and thanked her for helping him.

To Henry, who dreamed as a child of being a nurse or doctor, helping someone, even a stranger, was just the right thing to do.



Rebecca Henry was honored in 2012 with the Kentucky Governor's Ambassador award and the Civilian of the Year award. Photo by Jamie Baker-Nantz

"I didn't think about it," she said. "I didn't know if I could help him, but I knew I had to try."

"I just kept telling him breathe, just keep breathing," she said.

Henry believes it is a miracle the man survived, but is quick to downplay her role.

"I didn't do it," she said. "I just stabilized his neck."

But people who know Henry weren't surprised because they've witnessed her giving nature.

"She's a very, very, very good employee," said Jerry Keathley, telecommunications supervisor at KSP Post 6 in Dry Ridge. "She truly cares about people she talks to and to people who work here. I wouldn't trade her for anything."

"Rebecca stands ready, on or off duty, to provide emergency assistance to citizens and visitors of the Commonwealth," said KSP Capt. Greg Crockett, commander of post 6.

Henry's career as a dispatcher began when she started working as a dispatcher for a local trucking company. She decided she'd like a change and interviewed for an emergency dispatcher position at the then Grant County 911 Center. She didn't get the job but impressed Al Rich, then captain of post 6, so much that he called her and offered her a job as a dispatcher.

Nine years later, she still enjoys helping people, often being their only line of communication in a crisis situation.

"There's a lot of stress in the job and it does take a certain type of person to handle emergency calls," she said.

For Henry, calls involving allegations of child abuse and death are the hardest.

"Two weeks after I started I took a call involving a child and it made me wonder if I could do this job. It was a heartbreaking situation and I cried through lunch," she said.

She also wondered if she would continue as an emergency dispatcher when a person killed themself on Christmas Eve while she was on the phone with them.

"That's probably one call I'm never going to forget," she said.

Henry said she realizes that she doesn't see what the officer sees when they respond to a call, but only hearing the story through a victim or bystander still makes a dispatcher part of the situation.

"I don't get closure with how it all turned out," she said. "I don't know if they lived or died."

Henry, who grew up in Williamstown, lacked two semesters finishing her studies as a medical assistant, because she said she just couldn't give shots, but she feels that she's doing the job she's supposed to do.

"Twenty years later I ended up here helping people, just in a different way," said the mother of three and grandmother of two.

She's taken calls of massive car pileups, especially in bad weather. She's even talked three different pregnant parents through deliveries while she was on the phone with them.

That kind of dedication also earned Henry the 2012 Civilian Of The Year award, her third since joining the KSP.

This one for her quick action when she spotted headlights in the middle of a field and she called 911 to get the driver help who had a diabetic emergency and hit a tree.

"I don't like to talk about myself," she said. "And I really didn't do anything that anyone else wouldn't have done. I don't feel like I did anything extra, but if it were my son, I would want someone to stop and help."

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VIEWPOINT

WORTH REPEATING:
"Health is not valued till sickness comes."
- Dr. Thomas Fuller

OUR OPINION

Make sure lawmakers hear from you

On Jan. 8, the General Assembly will convene for a short 30-day session in Frankfort. Now is the perfect time for Kentuckians to educate themselves which lawmakers represent their home districts in the House and Senate.

Knowing the names of those who represent you is the first step in making sure you have some influence in the decisions made in Frankfort, after all the decisions they make are going to impact you.

The next step is contacting your state senator and representative when you want to tell them how you believe they should vote on everything from state pension fund reform to a tax code overhaul.

You should tell them what you want because they work for you.

In Grant County, we are represented by these lawmakers:

• 17th District State Senator - Damon Thayer (R- Georgetown) is a veteran legislator having first been elected to the senate in 2003. His district encompasses the southern part of Kenton County, as well as Grant, Scott and Owen counties. On Nov. 27, Thayer was elected to serve as the Senate Majority Floor Leader. His term runs through 2014.

• 61st District House of Representatives - Brian Linder will be a newcomer in Frankfort when the session begins. He was elected to the seat by the voters in Grant, Gallatin and Owen counties in the November 2012 election. He defeated Wanda Crupper Hammons in the general election. Linder will replace Royce Adams of Dry Ridge who resigned earlier this year the seat he held since 1992 citing health reasons. Linder was elected for a two-year term.

The Legislative Research Commission, which provides support staff for the General Assembly, maintains a phone message line for constituents to contact all members of the House and Senate. The toll-free number is 1-800-372-7181.

During regular business hours when the members are in session, you can also call 1-502-564-8100 to be connected to a lawmaker's office in Frankfort. Also, the email address for every member is the first and last name, separated by a period, then lrc.ky.gov. For example, Thayer's address is Damon. Thayer@lrc.ky.gov.

The Grant County News will also cover items during the time the lawmakers are in session and you can also go to www.lrc.ky.gov for notes and schedules.

The final step in having your voice heard in Frankfort is to make sure your senator and your representative know your name. Call or send them an email soon to let them know who you are and how they can best represent you.

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GUEST COLUMN

Health dept. needs adequate funding



Lynne
M. SADLER
Director, N. Ky. Health Dept.

In September, Marion Kainer, an epidemiologist with the Tennessee Department of Health, got an email from a colleague at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The Vanderbilt doctor was reporting a suspicious case of fungal meningitis in a patient who had received steroid injections.

You probably know the rest of the story: Nationwide investigation launched, recall of thousands of doses of the steroid, investigations by the Food and Drug Administration and through mid-December, more than 600 people ill and 14 dead across the United Sates.

Time and again, I tell the staff at the Northern Kentucky Health Department that they are every day heroes. While the meningitis outbreak is unusual, I don't think many would argue that Kainer's actions in Tennessee were heroic. Her diligence in following the report all the way through led to a speedy recall of medication in Tennessee and notification of health officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—who were able, through their own heroic work, to start working on the problem on a national scale.

We often forget that employees of the health departments are first responders to emergencies, too. Kainer and 170 others at the core of the meningitis investigation worked around the clock, some even camping out in their offices.

Paul Jarris, the Executive Director of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, said it well: "People expect the fire department and the police department to be there 24 hours a day, seven days a week. What they don't realize is that their health department is also there 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Jarris told USA Today in November.

A GUEST COLUMN is the opinion of the writer and does not necessarily reflect the editorial opinion of the newspaper.

In Northern Kentucky, we pride ourselves on being ready to respond to these kinds of disease threats and other emergencies—whenever they occur. We have 24/7 notification systems in place for disease reporting, food safety and other public health threats. Whether it's a water main break affecting a dozen restaurants, a case of measles or a tornado, the health department is ready to and often does respond to emergencies—during business hours, on evenings and weekends.

But, the ability to respond is tied to resources available to us. Funding for public health programs is crucial, but is threatened by round after round of budget cuts—including those proposed as part of the fiscal cliff being debated in Washington. In Northern Kentucky, we've already had to reduce our budget by 3 percent in 2011-2012 and 6 percent in 2012-2013. Further budget cuts will only jeopardize our ability to respond.

Next time, if the report of a suspicious illness is in a Northern Kentucky resident, we want to be sure we have experts on staff who know what to do and have the resources needed to carry out their recommendations. I am confident that the people and systems in place now at the health department would be able to rise up to the heroic level seen in Tennessee this fall. Let's make sure it stays that way.

(Lynne M. Saddler, MD, MPH District Director of Health, Northern Kentucky Health Department)

A WORD FROM OUR READERS

Let's hope newspapers never become obsolete

Thank you for publishing our photo in your paper. I spent the first 18 years of my life in Grant County. When I was a child, my aunt would come to the country a couple of times a month and bring the newspaper with her. After everyone in my grandma's house took the papers they wanted, she gave the rest to me. I took them home and read them. I didn't have a clue as to what I was reading.

I have continued to read newspapers from all over the United States thanks to the Internet. I subscribe to two daily newspapers and four weeklies. Everywhere I travel, the first thing I do when I wake up in the morning is read the local paper.

I love columnists but my very favorites are and always will be Ruby Hammond and Sadie Evelyn Lusby.

Lusby was a delight. I traveled with her through her column, met her family and knew that she delighted in life, loved food and birds.

She and Hammond knew their craft and were faithful to their readers. I loved the tribute to Lusby when she passed. How she brought her column to the paper in a timely fashion and presented it, handwritten in a manner befitting the artist she truly was.

One of Steinbeck's friends told her John wasn't a good writer. She replied, "He does it." Hammond and Lusby did it.

Once again, thank you. Let us hope that newspapers never become obsolete.

Trudy Owens
San Leandro, Calif.

Hilliard says Keystone Pipeline is non-existent

The United States is not drilling oil in the Gulf of Mexico but China and Vietnam are. South America was given billions of dollars to drill for oil so we can buy it from you oil from Canada (the Keystone Pipeline) is non-existent.

In case you haven t noticed there is no NASA, we pay to hitch a ride to our space station. Fifty million babies have been murdered, Democrats call it terminating a pregnancy and 90 percent of the poor little Down s syndrome are murdered while inside the mother-only 10 percent re-born alive.

A big thanks to Hussein Obama and those who voted for him.

Von Hilliard
Dry Ridge

Trash pick up provides community service

Myself, along with some other Williamstown Cheerleaders, spent a Saturday morning cleaning the roads in Grant County. I'd like to say thank you for allowing us to clean the roads because notonly does it help the community look nicer but it helps to pay for our cheerleading necessities. I would like to add that I think people should really slow down when they are driving and they see people in bright yellow vests cleaning the roads. Crittenden-Mt. Zion Road had a lot of cars driving fast that didn't bother to slow down.

Sami Tallant

Six Boy scouts from Troop 712 picked up 33 bags of trash. Twenty-eight of those bags were from Dry Ridge-Mt. Zion Road. This is unacceptable. People shouldn't go around throwing their garbage on the side of the road. We found it hard to understand why people couldn't keep their McDonald's wrappers, donut boxes and soft drink cans, just to name a few things we found-in the car with them until they got home where they could properly put it in the trash.

We scouts, think people who litter should be required to pick up trash on the side of the road in addition to paying a fine. Keep Grant County clean. It takes little effort to keep your trash with you until you get home to your trash can.

Grant Mulligan

The Grant County High School Golf Team picked up trash as a fundraiser. I thought that the trash pick up the team was involved in was a great way to show pride in our county. It benefitted the golf team and Grant County had less trash on the side of the county roads. The trash pick was successful and I'm glad that I was a part of it. I hope we continue to do this every year not only as an aspect of a fundraiser for the program but to help keep Grant County clean.

The members of the golf program would like to thank the organizers of this great fundraiser. We had a lot of fun and it brought us closer as a team. While it gave us a sense of pride knowing that we are doing something good for the county, we would rather not have the litter on the side of the roads. Make sure that you think twice before you litter.

Cody Kellam

Hi, my name Amber Tien and I am part of the Williamstown Middle School girl's volleyball team. Recently, on Oct. 11, I participated in a trash pick up with some fellow teammates of mine. In total, we ended up picking up more than 20 trash bags, multiple tires, mattresses and a reclining chair.

About 75 percent of the trash we found was beer bottles. I don't know about anybody else but I personally find picking up at least 100 beer bottles on the side of the road, disgusting. By the time the trash pick up was over, my friends and I smelled horrible. It was so bad that nobody wanted us in the car.

We also found that the majority of people in Grant County much prefer fast food over healthy meals. I think we found only one Subway wrapper. On the other hand though, we found tons of drive-thru containers. We have three Subways in Williamstown and Dry Ridge. Is that really not convenient enough?

I guess what I'm trying to say, Grant County, is that we really need to work on better eating habits and drinking less alcohol and definitely start throwing things in the trash. That's kind of what trash cans are for, we also have a landfill were you can drop off big items free. Even though my teammates and I will surely put the money we earned to good use, I think we'd rather not pick up that much trash.

Amber Tien

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DOWN AND DIRTY

Trunk damage can girdle trees

The farm looks like a storm hit recently but it's really just my husband's new deer deterrent technique. It seems to be working. In the past we have forgone the Irish Spring soap, human hair and coyote urine for more reliable barriers. Tomato cages, tobacco stakes, wire, spiral plastic trunk wrap and yes, an occasional arrangement of lawn chairs have created distance between rutting and browsing deer.

This year does not seem as bad as year's past. I think it is the barking Maremma livestock guardian dog out in the pasture! We have protected trees, none-the-less, especially any newly planted in 2012.

I like the country and the deer that roam about but I do not damage to trees so we have a system. Their hunger sometimes rips trees from the ground; other times they just do a sloppy pruning job. Their rutting is the worst as the bucks practice their battle moves on the small trunks of young trees, scraping the bark clean off. If only one side is damaged we wait; if the entire circumference is gone then we have learned to remove it and move on. They never recover no matter how patient we are. When the bark and cambium layer of a tree is removed all the way around then the tree is essentially girdled. No movement of moisture or nutrients will pass the wound.

Southwestern exposure



Jeneen
WICHE
Weekend Gardener

So, the new technique to protect trees (since we have run out of all the other devices previously mentioned) is to pile broken branches, twigs and Christmas tree boughs around the base of the trunk. We prop some against the trunk and lay the rest around the base to create somewhat of a cattle guard. So far, so good, but it does look funny

Even if you don't have deer pressure in the garden there are other circumstances that can result in a similar girdling effect. Rodents chewing the bark off at the base of the trunk can result in dieback. When trees are girdled at the base like this they sometimes sucker from the roots. If the roots are well-established and healthy then I would train one of the suckers as a new main leader; but this time put some wrap or barrier around the base. When using conventional tree wrap it is important to remove it in the spring.

Oddly enough, a southwestern exposure during the winter can cause some damage. Sun scald is common during winters when the temperature fluctuates dramatically night and day. A frigid night followed by a warmish, sunny day causes the bark to split open. If there is an elongated split on the southwest side (where the sun is) then you likely have a case of sunscald.

Girdling the roots

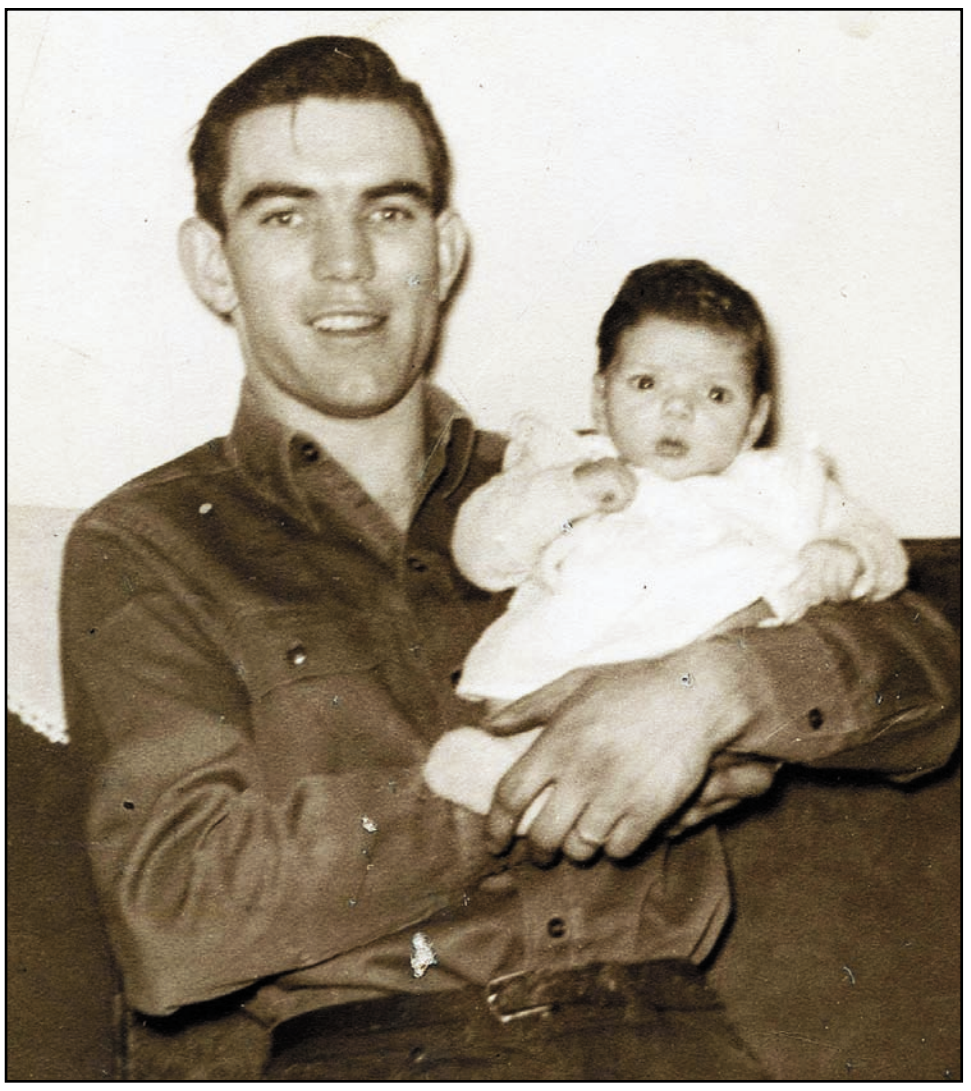
A healthy tree can compartmentalize the wound and heal; but trees under stress may find that one more injury is the straw that broke the camel's back. Tree wrap and plastic spirals can offset sunscald but, again, remember to remove the protection in the spring.

Girdling of roots can also cause problems for a tree but this damage takes place beneath the soil where we can't see the problem. In fact, trees that are planted too deep (which are probably the majority) have a higher incidence of girdled roots; and container grown trees may develop girdle roots in the pot. So, when you plant a tree check the roots thoroughly for any roots that appear to be wrapped around the base of the trunk or other roots. Do not be afraid to cut these roots away even if they seem larger than the other roots.

(Jeneen Wiche is an avid gardener from Shelbyville. She can be reached at Jwiche@shelbybb.net. or at www.SwallowRailFarm.com)

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ANOTHER PLACE IN TIME



This Another Place In Time photo features Richard 'Jack' Henry and Richard Keith Henry. Thanks to Sudie Henry, Debbie Ruth and Ronald Beach for calling in guesses and to Thelma Beach for submitting the photo.

If you've got an old photo, you'd like to see featured in the News, bring it to the News office. Photos can be scanned and returned in the same visit.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

15 Years
January 1, 1998

Pvt. Joshua Souder graduated on Nov. 12, after 15 weeks of training at Ft. Sill, Okla., with Delta battery 19th field artillery 4th platoon. He is a 1997 graduate of Grant County High School. Souder is the son of Bill and Brenda Souder of Corinth.

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Anthony Wood, son of Steve and Teresa Wood of Williamstown, played William Bolger in the University of Evansville Theatre production of "Jack's Holiday." The musical explores the concept- what if London's infamous Jack the Ripper, had decided to visit America.

25 Years
December 31, 1987

Marine Pvt. Glenn W. Hamon, son of Roy G. and Linda L. Hamon of Williamstown recently completed the Subsistence Supply Course. The course covers the operations of office machines and the use of subsistence supply publications. A 1987 graduated of Williamstown High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1987.

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Williamstown native Elizabeth Renaker is a member of the Berea College women's basketball team. Renaker a 5-6 forward and Berea freshman, is a graduated of Grant County High School. Renaker is the daughter of Treisa Angel and John Renaker, both of Williamstown.

50 Years
January 4, 1962

A history of the Williamstown Baptist Church, organized in 1878 published in the Jan. 4 issue of The News. It is written by Belle C. Matthews and submitted by Raymond L. Matthews. It will be noted that the church was called the Williamstown Baptist Church of Christ.

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The Mobile Chest X-Ray Unit will be in Williamstown. The trailer will be located at the side of the courthouse. In announcing the coming of the unit the Grant County Health Department urges residents of Grant County to take advantage of this free service, especially if anyone persons have ever had tuberculosis.

WRECK–

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The Dry Ridge and Crittenden Fire Departments responded to the scene.

Trooper Mac McDonald is investigating.

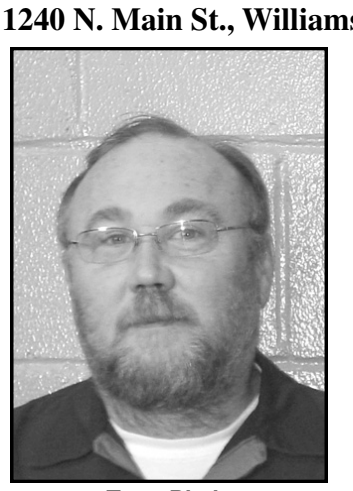
According to KSP, 11 people died in accidents from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 through Tuesday, Dec. 25.

A crash, which occurred in Knox County, involved five fatalities in one wreck. Through Dec. 25, a total of 729 people have died on Kentucky roadways in 2012. This is 16 more fatalities than reported for the same period in 2011. Of the 578 motor vehicle fatalities, 317 victims were not wearing seat belts.

ASK US?

Do you have a question about an issue affecting Grant County? If so, send to: Ask Us and the staff of the Grant County News will try to find an answer. Names will not be published, but a first name, phone number or e-mail address may help us clarify what type of information you are requesting. Send questions to: jbakernantz@grantky.com or go to www.grantky.com.

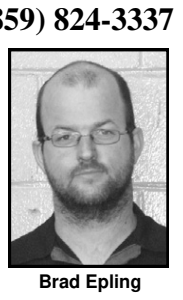
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FAITH & VALUES

VERSE OF THE WEEK:
Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
Matthew 6:30 (KJV)

RELIGIOUS VIEWS

A time to remember God

The lights of Christmas have begun to fade and many of us are still recovering from the mass marketing blitz of early bonus buys, buy one get one stocking stuffers and last minute gift deals. We are coming upon a new season and a whole new brand of advertising frenzy. The new year is unlike many other changes in season. It represents the possibility for new beginnings in our lives. With each new year, there is the hope that something better lies in our future. Advertisers are keenly aware of the desire for positive change in our lives and often take advantage of our yearnings for "change" and attempt to show us that "things" can make our lives better in the New Year.



Pastor's Corner
SHAYANNA JOLLY

Jennifer Hudson promotes the Weight Watchers brand, suggesting that if we take control of our appetites we can live fuller lives in 2013. Capital One suggests that having a credit card will improve the quality of life—not to mention making shopping trips Viking-free! Luxury car brands persuade us that 2013 will be more joyous with flashy leather interior and premium upgrades. Of course, all of these products can have positive impacts on our daily lives but none of these products can satisfy our spiritual hunger, nor can they improve our overall happiness. Getting healthy is important but a healthy body doesn't always cure loneliness. Keeping track of our finances and maintaining good credit is beneficial but money does not always solve sadness—in fact, it seldom does. Toys and gadgets can bring short-term amusement but entertainment does not always quiet an anxious heart.

Worrying about the future is natural and wanting to improve our everyday experience is an essential part of being human. New things, new habits and new hobbies can help us become better versions of ourselves. However, the New Year is also a time to remember that God provides for us without us ever having to swipe a credit card or fill out an application. God's love extends to all people. The gospel of Matthew reminds us that God's grace is a gift, even when we are too busy worrying to notice. Every child of God is beloved and God cares about our happiness. God wants us to see that life is more than food, more than clothing, and more than worry. Serving others, giving to a good cause and taking care of loved ones are all ways to connect with God and fill your spirit in the New Year. In your prayers for 2013, remember that God desires to be in a relationship with all people and spiritual life matters to God all year round.

(Shayanna Jolly is the pastor at Crittenden Christian Church. She can be reached at 859-428-2210. Facebook page is www.facebook.com/CrittenDenChristian Church and website is www.crittendenchrisitian.com)

Jolly looking to grow Crittenden Christian

By Bryan Marshall
Staff Writer



Shayanna Jolly is the new pastor at Crittenden Christian Church.

Shayanna Jolly wasn't always sure she wanted to be a pastor.

"I was originally a drama major," said the Transylvania University graduate. "I didn't really want to be an actor, but I loved the arts and I wanted to be involved in non-profits in someway. Then, about the third year during my college experience, I got very involved in a church in Lexington called Central Christian Church. I started leading youth group programs there and getting really involved in the ministry."

Jolly then decided to attend Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., where she recently obtained a Masters of Divinity degree.

"I really wanted to serve the church," Jolly said. "I've been wrestling with God ever since and finding people to pray with and journey with. That's how I got married to the church, in a way."

In June, the Pikeville native returned to Kentucky to take over pastoral duties from Pastor Jerry Zehr at Crittenden Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.)

"I'm a Kentucky girl, born and bred, and I bleed blue," Jolly said. "The plan was to always somehow come back to Kentucky. This is my home and I wanted to be close to family. Northern Kentucky just seemed to be the right fit. My sister moved up here and this church was wonderful. They are a church family, through and through. We really wanted that community, family atmosphere."

Jolly said her philosophy for ministering at Crittenden Christen grew out of her observations of the congregation and their love for service.

She said the church has experienced significant transitions in its history going from a student pastor-led church for a long time to a full-time minister.

"They started to grow," Jolly said. "With some of the economic troubles, they've experienced some struggles there, but they are fighters. They really wanted to hold on to this mission that God is calling them to do good work. They have had an increase in their membership and because of that their youth group is growing. It seems like every time they face a challenge, they try to find some new and energetic way to overcome that."

Crittenden Christian (Disciples of Christ)

106 North Main St.,
Crittenden, KY

Service times are at 10 a.m. Sunday School and 10:45 a.m. for Sunday worship, along with a 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible study.

Youth and Christian women events and other program events can be found at www.crittendenchristian.com.

The church's congregation currently stands at about 45 to 50 people on Sundays, including 10 in leadership.

The church, which is in the middle of a six-week program called "Revival," is trying to "be a church that acts on its faith and not just talks about its faith," said Jolly.

While she may have the title of pastor, Jolly said at Crittenden Christian, they have a goal of sharing ministry.

Everyone from youth to elder members of the congregation can take part of leadership, she said.

"It's really about all of us coming together to celebrate one another and to celebrate the gifts that we have been given," Jolly said.

Anyone interested is invited to come to the church and join the congregation.

"This church is a place where we really appreciate diversity," Jolly said. "We don't push a religious agenda on anyone. We appreciate people's opinions. We are from all different walks of life and faith. We really value the whole person and not just what they believe and what they think. We think about it as a journey of faith where we're all trying to discover. Everyone is welcome here. We have this family motto of 'Everyone: No exceptions.' We really like to cling to that."

The Grant County News invites local churches to submit church news for publication for free. Guidelines are as follows:

- Items should be limited to upcoming events. Scriptures will not be printed due to space limitations.
- Items should be limited to 150 words or less. Priority is given to upcoming events.
- Church news is edited for style, grammar, length and clarity.
- The deadline to submit church news is 5 p.m. Monday. Please note in event of a Monday holiday, the deadline is 5 p.m. Friday of week before.
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Minister: Joshua Groomes
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Year established: 1841
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RECENT DEATHS

Arnold Taylor, 84

Arnold William Taylor, 84, of Verona, died Dec. 20, 2012, at his residence.

He was the son of the late Asbel and Nannie Manning Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, Alma Hamlin Neal Taylor, sons, Lyle Anthony Taylor of Jamestown and Dale Arnold Taylor of Newport; a daughter, Linda Contadino of Loveland, Ohio; stepsons, Jimmie Neal of Pine Knot and Conley Neal of Lawrenceburg, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Diane Neal of Pine Knot; a brother, Alvie Taylor of Goshen, Ohio; sisters, Verda Brown of Columbus, Ga., Belva King of Verona and Lou Verna Turner of Pine Knot and 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 22 at the Elliston - Stanley Funeral Home in Crittenden.

Burial was in the New Bethel Cemetery in Verona.

Larry 'Turtle' Davis, 57

Larry "Turtle" Davis, 57, of Corinth, died Dec. 20, 2012, at his residence.

He was the son of the late Harry Junior "June" and Nannie B. Henry Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Melody Blackburn Davis; daughters, Candace Lainhart of Williamstown and Jasmyn Davis of Covington; a sister, Virginia Ann Mink of Georgetown and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 23 at the Elliston - Stanley Funeral Home in Williamstown.

Burial was in the Williamstown Cemetery.

Tony Atha, 64

Tony Joe Atha, 64, of Dry Ridge, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012 his residence in Sherman.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruby Rex Atha.

Survivors include his father, Bernard Jay Atha, of Williamstown; a son, Christopher Jay Atha of Lakeside Park; a daughter, Carrie Kramer of Dry Ridge and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 27 at the Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home in Williamstown.

Burial with military honors was in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Dry Ridge.

Carl Henage, 62

Carl Eugene Henage, 62, of Corinth, died Dec. 25, 2012, at home.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Henage; sons, Jason Henage of Buckner and Eric Henage of Florence; brothers, James T. Henage of Dry Ridge, Larry J. Henage and Rogan L. Henage, both of New Columbus; a stepbrother, Eddie Dempsey of Georgetown and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 29 at the New Columbus Baptist Church.

Burial was in the New Columbus Cemetery.

Mae Evans, 90

Mae Evans, 90, of Holbrook, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012, at the Grant Manor Nursing Home in Williamstown

She was the daughter of the late Henry and Amelia Trent Hounchell.

Survivors include her sons, Claude Evans of Demossville, Jerry Evans of Williamstown and Marvin Ray Evans of Jonesville; daughters, Jo Ann McCormick of Corinth and Ruth Ann Lewis of Dry Ridg; a brother, Henry Ford Hounchell of Somerset and 11 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and a great great grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 28 at the Elliston-Stanley Funeral Home in Williamstown.

Burial was in the Mt. Pisgah Church Cemetery.





FOR THE RECORD

Civil Suits

Oct. 2

Shannon Beach vs. Robert J. Lunsford and LCH Properties, LLC, negligence due to an accident

Keith Webster vs. Jared Justice, seeking damages due to an auto accident

Oct. 3:

Timothy Beavers vs. Wavetech Watersports, LLC, seeking damages due to breach of duty

William L. Black vs. Shelly E. Black, petition for dissolution of marriage

Equable Ascent vs. Stephen Davis, default of payment on note

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Kenneth W. Lester, Edna L. Lester and GE Money Bank, default of payment on note

Tara Boh Klute vs. Kevin Matthew Klute, petition for dissolution of marriage

Oct. 4:

Kasee L. Cray vs. Kristopher F. Cray, petition for dissolution of marriage

Kentucky Tax Bill Servicing, Inc. vs. Timothy Lawrence Overbay, Unknown Spouse of Timothy Lawrence Overbay, if any, Unknown Occupants of Mann & Hale Div. tract 1, Midland Funding, LLC, Hazel Enterprises, LLC, Southern Tax Services, LLC, United States of America Department of the Treasury, Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Revenue, Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Grant-Served: Darrell L. Link, County Judge Executive and Commonwealth of Kentucky City of Williamstown-Served: Rick Skinner, Mayer, seeking judgment for charges all incurred by reason of defending/collection delinquent taxes

Oct. 5:

Sherry Dillinger vs. Christopher Dillinger, petition for dissolution of marriage

Oct. 8:

Capital One Bank vs. Shawna L. Miller, default of payment on note

JPMorgan Chase Bank vs. Rick Wilson and Betty Wilson, default of payment on note

GMAC Mortgage, LLC vs. Nicholas W. Brummer and Unknown Spouse (if any) of Nicholas W. Brummer, complain for foreclosure

Bank of America vs. Brandon Hoover, Jennifer Irvin, Unknown Spouse (if any) of Brandon Hoover, Unknown Spouse (if any) of Jennifer Irvin, complaint for foreclosure

Oct. 9:

Capital One Bank vs. Kimberlee Palmer, default of payment on note

Oct. 10:

Jaclyn Richardson vs. Rue 21, Inc., seeking damages due to negligence of an accident

Oct. 11:

Gracie Denise Richardson vs. Terry Linn Richardson, Sr., petition for dissolution of marriage

Stella Martin vs. Desota Martin, petition for dissolution of marriage

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Randy Hubbard, default of payment on note

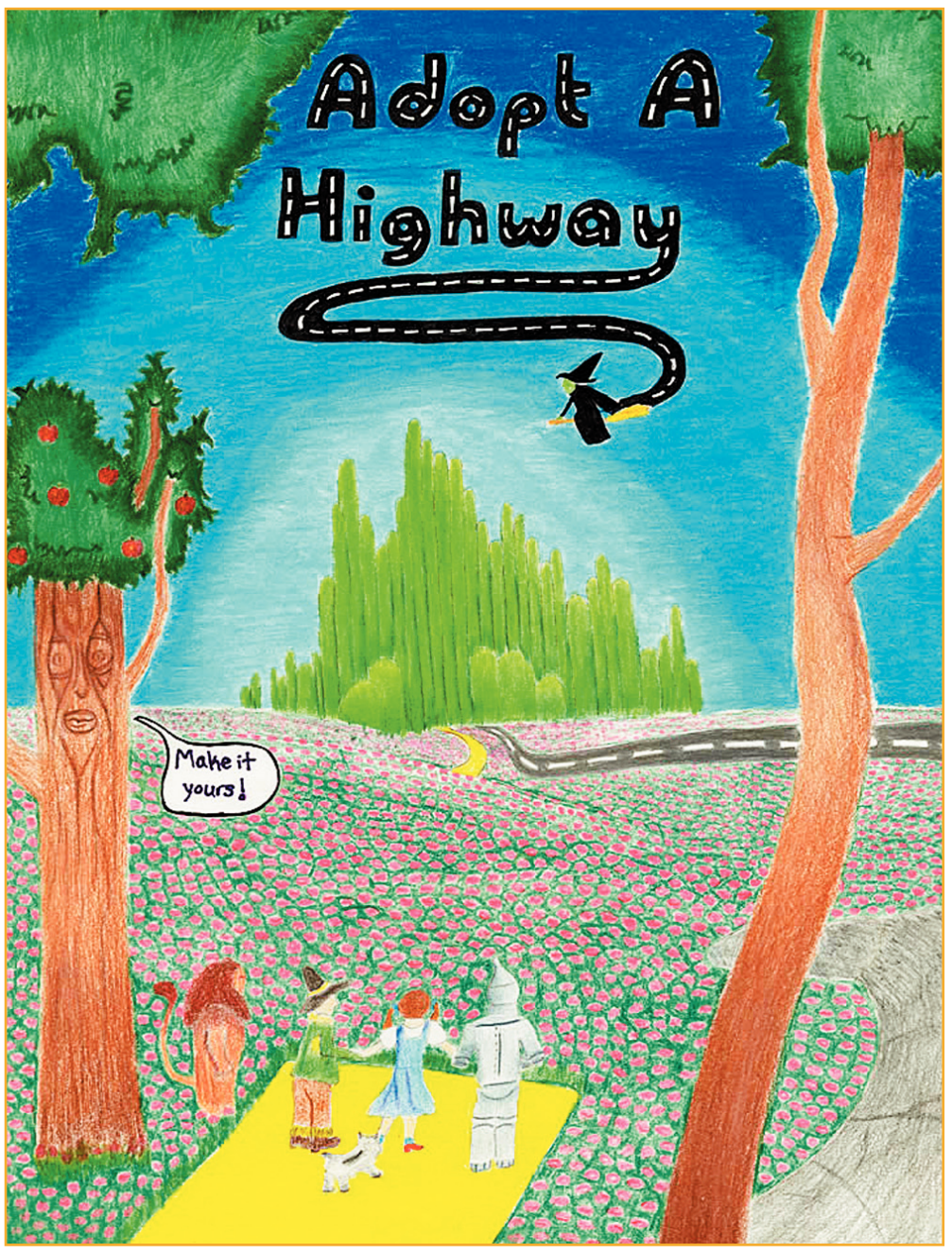
Asset Acceptance, LLC vs. Raymond Sams, default of payment on note

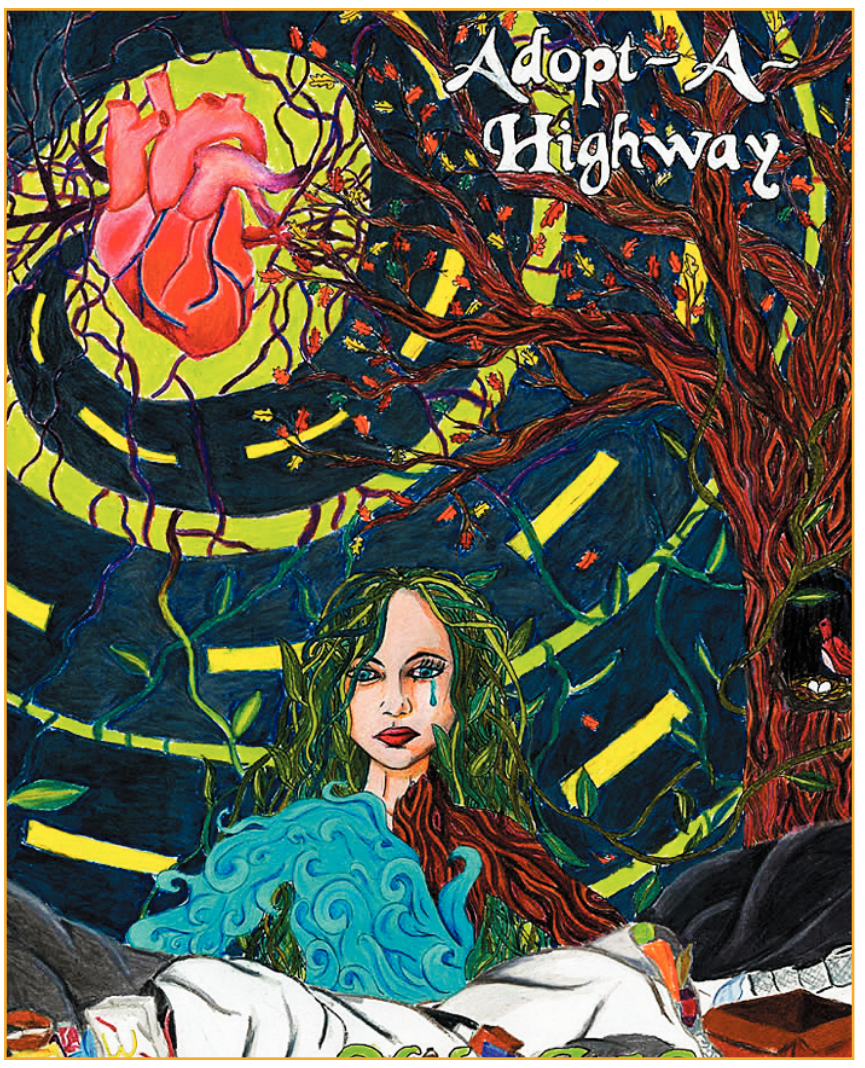
Ally Financial, Inc. vs. Geneva Pohlman and Robert Pohlman, default of payment on note



Inside Our Schools

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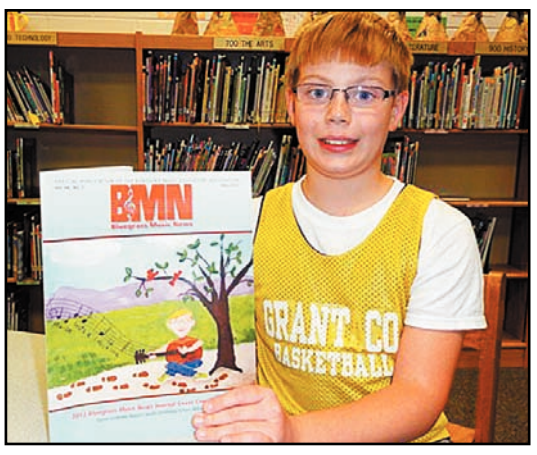




Left: Nicole Giesbers placed first place in the 12 to 14 age category in the Kentucky Transportation Adopt-a-Highway poster contest.

Above: Brooklyn Wainscott placed second in the 15 to 17 age category.

Below: Quade Simpson placed third in the 15 to 17 category.



Mason-Corinth student awarded top honors by the KMEA

When Carla Marston, the music teacher at Mason-Corinth Elementary, received her copy of KMEA's quarterly, state-wide magazine, the "Bluegrass Music News," one of her students was on the cover.

Daniel Goderwis, a fourth grade student in Jennifer Caldwell's class, had entered an art contest sponsored by the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) and had won top honors, the cover of their fall 2012 magazine.

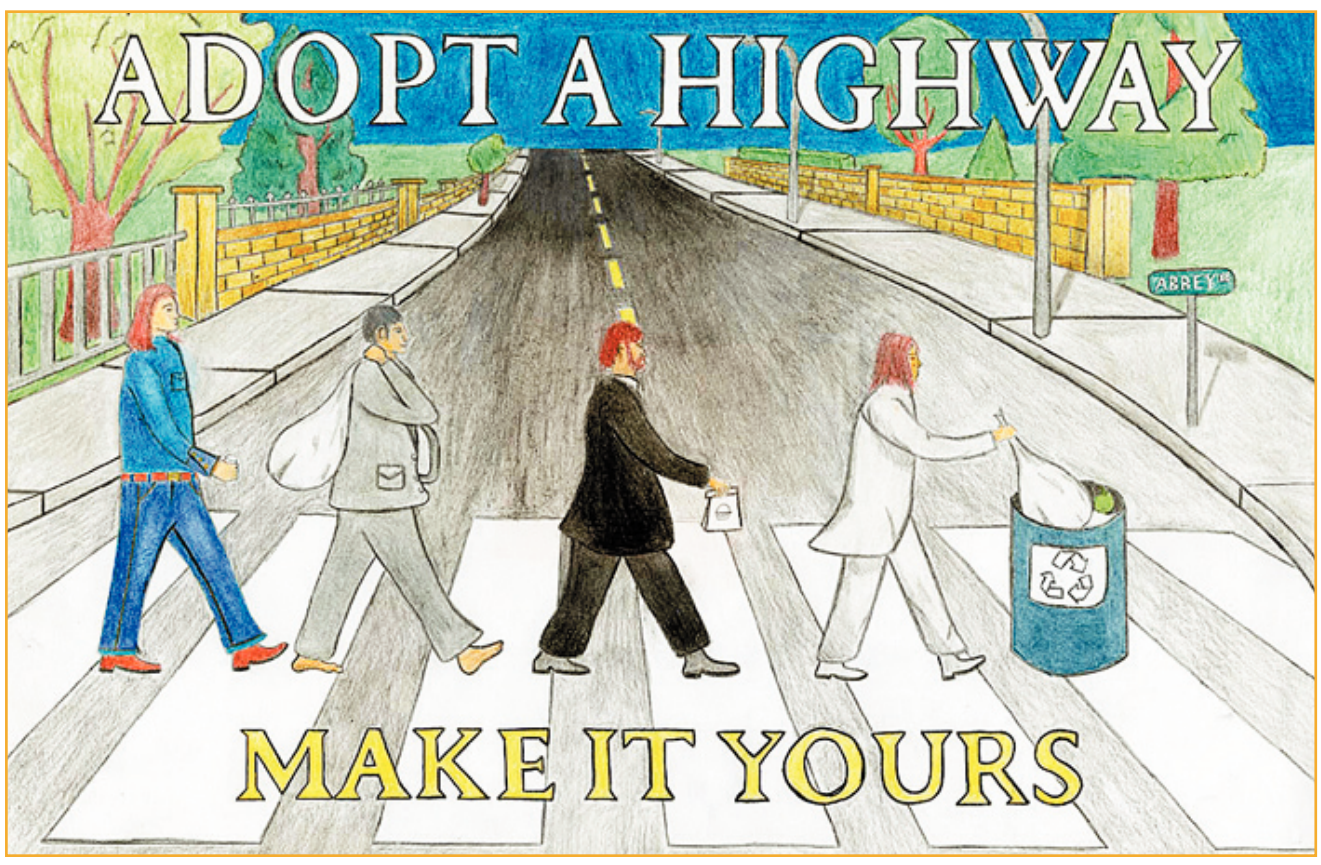
The theme for the art work was to be "Music Lasts a Lifetime," and students were free to interpret the theme as they pleased. For Goderwis, this meant a self-portrait of himself, as he plays the guitar beneath a tree, while two cardinals chirp overhead.

This is not the first time Goderwis's work has been published.

Last year, his work made the inside of the same magazine and he also placed third in the Junior Duck Stamp Art contest. He has been taking art lessons from local artist, Mary Lucas, for the last two years.

Marston has certainly enjoyed seeing one of her students receive this recognition. "I'm just so proud of him!" she said. "I can't wait until February, when his art work will be on display at the annual KMEA conference. I'll be telling everyone, 'That's my student!'"

He is the son of Sharon and Danny Goderwis.



Williamstown students place in Kentucky Transportation poster contest

Recently, students from Williamstown Independent Schools as well as others across the state participated in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's 2012 Adopt-a-Highway poster contest.

"The purpose of the contest is to increase environmental awareness among children," said Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock. "We hope to educate our young people about the damaging effects of litter, and to change attitudes and behaviors about littering."

Nicole Giesbers won first in the 12 through 14 category and Brooklyn Wainscott and Quade Simpson won second and third in the age group 15 through 17.

The awards were presented at a luncheon ceremony at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort.

The first-place winner in each of category received a $100 gift card, while second and third place winners each received a $50 gift card. All the winners received framed prints of their posters. In addition, calendars featuring the winners' posters will be provided to all the winners and their classrooms.

The Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) received 1,520 Adopt-a-Highway poster contest entries from students throughout the Commonwealth.

Secretary Hancock headed the team of judges, which included Laura Stewart, director of art galleries at Georgetown College; Scott Ross, assistant professor of sculpture at Kentucky State University; Chuck Wolfe, KYTC executive director for public affairs; KYTC graphics designer Jeremy Wooldridge, and Miranda Thacker, KYTC Adopt-a-Highway state coordinator. Judges did not know the identities of the artists or their schools.

"With so many excellent posters this year and a tremendous number of entries submitted, it was really hard to judge," Secretary Hancock said. "We appreciate all the hard work and effort the students put into their posters. Every entry is a winner."

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet urges students and teachers to get an early start on the 2013 poster contest.

The cabinet will begin accepting entries on March 1, 2013.



Haley Rothwell of Williamstown made the Deans list at the University of Kentucky with a 3.75 grade point average for the fall semester. Rothwell is a 2011 graduate of Williamstown High School and is the daughter of Tracie Kinman Rothwell of Williamstown and Marion Rothwell of Crittenden.

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TALKIN' TURKEY - Ashleee Blaze's fifth grade students were asked do a turkey project at Sherman Elementary School. The winners are Kenlee Bingham, third place; Lucas Allnutt, second place and Alexis Saunders, first place.

SPORTS

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- For more sports photos go to: www.grantky.com

2012: YEAR IN REVIEW



JANUARY

• In the second matchup between Grant County and Williamstown, the Braves boys' basketball team hands the Demons a 33-point loss, sweeping the season series. GCHS won the first game by two points.

• WHS senior Jake McKinley hit a last-second layup on Homecoming Night to help the Demons defeat Trimble County 70-69 in overtime.

• Lady Braves defeat Williamstown Lady Demons 48-36 in the second of two Coaches vs. Cancer matches in the girls' basketball. GCHS also won the first match-up 61-30.

• GCHS cheerleaders finish second at 8th region KAPOS competition.

• The Braves defeat Cooper High School in first-ever home wrestling match.

FEBRUARY

• The Grant County Jaguars cheerleading squad placed second in a regional competition in Lexington to qualify for the state Special Olympics tournament in March.

• GCHS wrestler Cody Miskell qualifies for the state tournament with a third-place finish in the Region 6 wrestling tournament.

MARCH

• Grant County Braves advance to the 8th Region boys basketball tournament after defeating Walton-Verona in the district semi-finals. GCHS lost to Simon Kenton in the district finals.

• Former Grant County High School baseball player Aaron Goe wins his first collegiate game as pitcher for Morehead State University.

• GCHS Braves lose 65-33 in the first round of the 8th Region tournament at Oldham County, ending the team's season.

• Braves beat Demons 11-1 in rivalry baseball match-up.

• GCHS senior Tyler Edmondson signs a national letter of intent to run cross country at Spalding University in Louisville.

• Williamstown Middle School begins its first-ever soccer program.

• GCHS senior Danny Hess signs a national letter of intent to run cross country at Campbellsville University.



APRIL

• The University of Kentucky Wildcats mens basketball team wins their eighth national championship after downing Kansas in New Orleans.

• The Grant County Lady Braves softball team defeats the Lady Demons 4-1.

• Lady Braves sweep the season softball series with Williamstown after defeating the Lady Demons 15-2.

• GCHS senior Trevor Hunt signs a national letter of intent with Kentucky Christian University to play basketball.

• The Grant County High School baseball team sweeps Williamstown with a 13-8 victory.

• Williamstown Lady Demons tennis team sweeps all singles matches against Grant County.

MAY

• Former University of Kentucky basketball player Roger Harden named coach of the Williamstown High School boys basketball team.

• GCHS senior Brian Chapman signs a national letter of intent with Union College to play soccer.

• Former GCHS golfer Zack Wright named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Freshman of the Year for Northern Kentucky University.

• The Girls on the Run Program for girls ages 8 to 13 culminates its season with a 3.1-mile run at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati.

• Five local athletes, including Quade Simpson, Sean Moreland, Alex Prokopchak and Blake Edmondson of Williamstown High School and Taylor Cummins of Grant County, qualify for the state track and field meet in Louisville.

• GCHS senior Erica Stitch signs a national letter of intent with Thomas More College to play softball.

• GCHS senior Morgan McClure signs a national letter of intent with Berea College to play softball.

• GCHS Lady Braves end their softball season with an 8-7 loss to Simon Kenton in the 32nd District tournament. The Lady Braves were leading 7-1 before giving up seven unanswered runs.

• Braves, Demons end baseball seasons with losses in the 32nd District Tournament to Walton-Verona and Simon Kenton, respectively.

JUNE

• Grant County Little League holds benefit to raise funds to rebuild field house that was burnt down by alleged arson.

JULY

• Brad Keselowski wins Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway.

AUGUST

• Former NBA hall of famed and Williamstown High graduate Arnie Risen dies at age 87.

• Twelve-year-old Jacob Vickers, who has been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor of the muscles attached to the bone, scores the first touchdown of the Grant County Youth Football League Blue/Gold Game.

• Grant County Special Olympics's Fireballs host the inaugural Rumble on the Ridge softball tournament at Grant County High School.

• Grant County Lady Braves golf team earn first tournament win of the season at the Montgomery County Invitational Tournament.

• GCHS Lady Braves volleyball team earn the runner-up plaque in the Bracken County Tournament.

• Williamstown High School adds archery and bass fishing to athletic offerings.

• GCHS Braves football team kick off season with Kevin Siple as new coach.

• Steve Thompson named athletic director of Grant County High School.

• Williamstown Lady Demons golfer Sarah Hicks qualifies for state All "A" Classic.

SEPTEMBER

• Lady Demons sweep Lady Braves in three sets in volleyball match-up.

• GCHS hosts Dry Ridge Toyota Classic soccer tournament. Lady Braves win tourney title.

• Grant County hosts Cross Country Invitational at Sherman Elementary.

• Lady Braves golfer Sarah Kellam leads team to title at the Grant County Classic at Eagle Creek Country Club while the GCHS boys team finishes fourth.

• Lady Demons sweep Lady Braves for the season after winning second volleyball match against rival.

• GCHS Lady Braves golf team swept the Central Kentucky Conference championship at Kincaid Lake State Park with Sarah Kellam and Macy Wright qualifying for the state tournament.

OCTOBER

• Young Williamstown Lady Demons golf team finishes season with a record of 8-1 in NCKC matches.

• GCHS golfer Cody Kellam qualifies for state golf tournament in Bowling Green.

• WHS hosts cross-country invitational.

• A Grant County Youth Football team and its coach have been suspended for the remainder of the season after a controversial incident involving allegations of players urinating on an opponent's jersey during practice.

• Two GCHS soccer players, Mollie Pelfrey and Forrest Schmitt, break school scoring records.

• WHS, GCHS girls volleyball teams ended their seasons after being knocked out of the district tournament by Walton-Verona and Simon Kenton, respectively.

• GCHS Lady Braves lose to Simon Kenton in the 32nd District soccer championship, moves on to regional tournament.



NOVEMBER

• Three Grant County High School runners, Hayley Leach, Summer Dearing and Jordan Rose, qualify for the KHSAA State Cross Country Championship at the Kentucky Horsepark.

DECEMBER

• WHS hosts first-ever archery tournament.

• GCHS senior Sarah Kellam signs a national letter of intent at Northern Kentucky University to play golf.

• The Grant County High School Dance Crew take second place behind the Williamstown Dance Team in the Hip Hop Division during the GCHS Jingle Bell Classic while the Grant County Combination Dance Team won first place for their jazz routine.

• GCHS Braves basketball team take the first match-up against rival Williamstown 88-47.

• Lady Braves squeak by Lady Demons 53-47 in rivalry basketball game.

FOR THE RECORD

Property Transfers

Sept. 28:

(General Warranty Deed) Timothy W. Humphrey and Teresa D. Humphrey to Lois E. Jones, Taft Highway property, $109,900

Charles Scroggin, trustee of trust A of the Frederick R. Scroggin and Marilyn Jane Scroggin Revocable Living Trust, to Michael D. Willoby and Marylee L. Willoby, trustees of the Michael D. Willoby Revocable Trust, lot 2 of North Hills Subdivision, $180,000

Oct. 1:

(General Warranty Deed) Kara S. Crosby and Nathan E. Crosby to Robert J. Welle and Paula J. Welle, Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Road property, $235,000

Oct. 2:

(Commissioner's Deed) The Huntington National Bank, Walter Spalding and Unknown Spouse of Walter Spalding, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, lot 5, Section 1 of Eagle Ridge Subdivision, $28,000

(Sole Ownership-Cash Deed for Kentucky) Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Paul Reynolds, lot 19, Section 1 of Brentwood Subdivision, $83,000

(Sole Ownership-Cash Deed for Kentucky) Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Don R. Meyers, lot 9, Section 1 of Eagle Ridge Subdivision, $40,000

Oct. 3:

(General Warranty Deed) Kim T. Nagel to Habitat for Humanity Tristate Ohio Kentucky Indiana, Inc., Adams Road property, $47,500

Oct. 4:

(Commissioner's Deed) Gaylord Garrison and Joyce Garrison, husband and wife, and BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P., by Mark R. Cobb, Master Commissioner to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, lot 10 of East Ridge Subdivision, $46,667

(Sole Ownership-Cash Deed for Kentucky) Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Robert Wells, lot 34, Section 2 of Eagle Ridge Subdivision, $32,900

(Commissioner's Deed) Bank of America, Brian Scott Gragg, Jennifer J. Gragg, and the Bank of Kentucky, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Federal National Mortgage Association, Osborne road property, $60,001

Oct. 5:

Heather L. Clontz and Thomas Jonathan Clontz to Heather L. Clontz and Thomas Jonathan Clontz, lot 8 and 9 of Catlett's Subdivision No. 2, $150,000

Lowell C. Goldsberry and Wilma J. Goldsberry to Lowell T. Goldsberry and Troy L. Goldsberry, Co-trustee of the Goldsberry Family Trust, Taft Highway property, $150,000

Lowell C. Goldsberry and Wilma J. Goldsberry to Lowell T. Goldsberry and Troy L. Goldsberry, Co-trustee of the Goldsberry Family Trust, Taft Highway property, $3,000

Oct. 6:

(Commissioner's Deed) U.S. Bank and David Stratton, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Waller Drive property, $89,000

Oct. 9:

(Commissioner's Deed) Everbank, Jeremy Sipple, Unknown Spouse of Jeremy Sipple, if any, and County of Grant, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Everbank, lot 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41, Block F of Cottonwood Acres Subdivision, $106,767

Oct. 10:

(Commissioner's Deed) PNC Bank, Gregory J. Halderman, Unknown Spouse of Gregory J. Halderman, Delores l. Halderman, Unknown Spouse of Delores L. Grant, Midland Funding, LLC., City of Corinth, and County of Grant, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to PNC Bank, lot 17, 18, 19, 68, 69 and 70 Section 2 of Lake Corinth Estates Subdivision, $46,667

(Sole Ownership-Cash Deed for Kentucky) Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to William F. Lewis, lot 191, Section 5 of the Harvesters, $72,000

(Quit Claim Deed) William F. Lewis and Yolanda Lewis to William F. Lewis and Yolanda Lewis, lot 191, Section 5 of the Harvesters, $72,000

Oct. 11:

David Lynn Kennedy and Marcia Kennedy to Alec T. Richerson and Bethany L. Hopperton, Jericho Road property, $89,900

Brent V. Caldwell to Jeffrey S. Cliff and Anthony C. Barry, Harrington Road property, $41,500

(Commissioner's Deed) Bank of America, David A. Stephens, Melissa Ann Stephens, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to Kasi Ryan Kellam, Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Road property, $106,211

Linda Zumbiel to Kenneth A. Jones and Patricia A. Jones, Napoleon Zion Station Road property, $52,000

Oct. 12:

(Quit Claim Deed) Samitha D. Bowen and Ryan E. Wooton to Samitha D. Bowen and Ryan E. Wooton, lot 81, Section 1 of Hogan's Mill, $202,000

(Warranty Deed) Timothy K. Noyes and Rachel E. Noyes to Nicholas Poulos, Kathleen Poulos, Jodi Webster, Craig Kuhlmann and Chad Kuhlmann, lot 21 and 22 of Kenneth Ruby Subdivision, $35,000

Oct. 13:

Bonny J. Hensley and Charlotte A. Kimble to Terin k. McAllister, Dark Region Road property, $104,500

Oct. 17:

Fred Spillman and Pat Spillman to Christopher S. Spillman and Kelly L. Spillman, lot 3, 4 and 6, Section 1 of Silver Ridge Estates, $294,000

(Commissioner's Deed) The Bank of New York Mellon, Michael Hogan and Angela Hogan, by Edward m. Bourne, Master Commissioner to The Bank of New York Mellon, lot 223, Section 6 of the Harvesters, $73,334

Gary B. Collins, by and through Nancy Collins, his attorney-in-fact, and Nancy Collins to Nancy Collins, Ellen Kay Drive properyt, $100,000

Gary B. Collins, by and through Nancy Collins, his attorney-in-fact, and Nancy Collins to Nancy Collins, Sipple Road and Arnolds Creek Road properyt, $256,000

Oct. 18:

(Quit Claim Deed) Peggy J. Spillman to Edna Coleman, Dixie Highway property, $60,000

Oct. 20:

John H. Merryman and Leslie Merryman to Phyllis Juanita Merryman, Kentucky Route 467 property, $1,000

Oct. 22:

(Sole Ownership-Cash Deed for Kentucky) Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Gregory M. Ulasiewicz, lot 107, Section 5 of Grantland Estates Subdivision, $56,670

Oct. 23:

Kenneth E. Burk and Shannon L. Burk to Catherine Forsyth, Shiloh Road property, $165,000

(Special Warranty Deed) Heritage Bank, Inc. to John H. Cushman and Leah M. Cushman, lot 131, Section 5 of Brentwood Estates Subdivision, $105,000

(Commissioner's Deed) HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc., Jonathan R. Hughes, Robin M. Hughes: Legal Recoveries, Inc., The National Bank of Corinth; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., by Edward M. Bourne, Master Commissioner to HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc., Dixie Highway property, $50,000

Oct. 24:

James Allen Meece, Sheila Anne Meece, John Ensel Meece and Deborah Jean Meece to Steven W. Aulbach and Karen M. Aulbach, Eagle Tunnel Road property, $214,483

Civil Suits

Sept. 17:

21st Mortgage Corporation vs. Robert R. Plunkett, Unknown Spouse of Robert R. Plunkett and Grant County, Kentucky-Served: Judge Executive or Designated Assistant, default of payment on note

JPMorgan Chase Bank vs. Robin D. Wilson, Unknown Spouse (if any) of Robin D. Wilson, Stephanie Wilson, Unknown Spouse (if any) of Stephanie Wilson, Community First Bank of Kentucky and Grant County Deposit Bank, compliant for foreclosure

Ricky L. Rouse vs. Sabrina R. Rouse, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 18:

Carisa Ball vs. Dawn M. Cook and Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, seeking damages due to an auto accident

Bank of America vs. Michael V. White, Pamela J. White and First Covenant Bank, default of payment on note

Sept. 19:

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Deatrice Farmer, default of payment on note

Wells Fargo Bank vs. William E. Mosley, Jr. and Unknown Spouse (if any) of William E. Mosley, Jr., complaint for foreclosure

Lisa Lynn Lunsford vs. Timothy Dee Lunsford, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 20:

Citimortage, Inc. vs. Alecia Sebring and Charles B. Sebring, complaint for foreclosure

Sept. 21:

Phillip W. Shepperd vs. Tergina M. Shepperd, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 24:

Crystal Goss vs. Christopher Goss, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 25:

JPMorgan Chase Bank vs. WW Plaza, LLC, default of payment on note

Sept. 26:

Unifund CCR, LLC vs. Lavon S. Powell, default of payment on note

American Express Bank vs. Darrell Crase, default of payment on note

Philip D. Williams vs. Rosie A. Williams, petition for dissolution of marriage

Jason Sears vs. Stephanie Sears, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 27:

Jason Douglas vs. Melinda Woods, petition for dissolution of marriage

Jamie Lynn Stephens vs. Troy Anthony Stephens, petition for dissolution of marriage

Sept. 28:

Bank of America vs. Marlena Ballis, Christopher Ballis, Unknown Spouse (if any) of Marlena Ballis and Unknown Spouse (if any) of Christopher Ballis, in rem complaint for foreclosure

Forcht Bank vs. Sabra Hutcherson, Larry Hutcherson, Capital One Bank and County of Grant-Served: L. Joe Taylor, County Attorney, default of payment on note

Oct. 2:

Bank of America vs. Jeffrey W. Davis, Catherine E. Davis, Unknown Spouse (if any) of Jeffrey W. Davis, Unknown Spouse (if any) of Catherine E. Davis, Threlkeld and Threlkeld P.S.C., Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Labor, The United States of America-Department of Treasury, Discover Bank and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., complaint for foreclosure

POLICE REPORTS

(Editor's Note: The Grant County News publishes all items in police beat that are submitted from each individual police agency. The News does not omit names from police reports.)

Grant County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Tony Stigers executed a warrant for **Nicholas A. Newman,** 23, of Williamstown, for failure to appear in court, at 8:59 p.m. Dec. 18 on Tracy Lane. Newman was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Mike Wright executed a warrant for **Charity Eldred,** 30, of Dry Ridge, for assault in the fourth degree, at 7:46 p.m. Dec. 19 on Gouge Drive. Eldred was also charged with assault in the third degree of a police officer, resisting arrest, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, terroristic threatening, and failure to notify Department of Transportation of address change. Eldred was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Deputy Mike Wright investigated an accident at 4:19 p.m. Dec. 11 on Ferguson Boulevard. The driver involved was **Lana Sechrest**, 68, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2003 Chevrolet and a **parked vehicle.**

Deputy Tony Stigers investigated an accident at 3:19 p.m. Dec. 15 on Shady Lane. The drivers involved were **Charles Robinson,** 38, of Crittenden, driving a 1995 Toyota and **Marlena Harlow,** 42, of Crittenden, driving a 2008 Mazda.

Deputy Tony Stigers investigated an accident at 6:09 p.m. Dec. 15 on Race Street. The drivers involved were **James Jones**, 59, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2005 Chrysler and **Mary Gaines,** 54, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2001 Lincoln.

Sgt. Andy Reeves investigated an accident at 7:15 a.m. Dec. 21 on Owenton Road. The driver involved was **Michael A. Runion**, 45, of Corinth, driving a 2005 Toyota.

Sgt. Dennis Switzer investigated an accident at 8:04 a.m. Dec. 21 on Dixie Highway. The driver involved was **Christy L. O'Neill**, 32, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2009 Dodge.

The sheriff's office served 57 summons/subpoenas, served 55 hours in court, investigated a accident involving an out-of-county resident and drove 420 miles transporting prisoners.

Kentucky State Police

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Christopher Beckley**, 42, of Berry, at 3:31 p.m. Dec. 19 on Horton Drive. Beckley was lodged at the Bourbon County Detention Center.

Kentucky State Police executed a warrant for **Ronald W. Jackson,** 42, of Corinth, at 4:16 a.m. Dec. 22 on Michigan Avenue. Jackson was lodged at the Grant County Detention Center.

Trooper Ronald Gilbert investigated an accident at 1:16 p.m. Dec. 21 on Dry Ridge-Mt. Zion Road. The driver involved was **Corey Drew**, 18, of Dry Ridge, driving a 1991 Dodge.

Trooper Joshua Whitton investigated an accident at 6:35 p.m. Dec. 22 on Dixie Highway. The drivers involved were **Brent Cummins**, 29, of Dry Ridge, driving a 1998 Chevrolet and **Wilma Phillips,** 68, of Dry Ridge, driving a 2004 Honda.

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2012 : THE YEAR IN REVIEW

APRIL

• Williamstown Independent Schools receives full accreditation by AdvancEd.

• The City of Williamstown holds a community meeting to discuss a proposed master plan to shape the city's development, including a revitalized downtown, beautification and tourism development.

• Fire damages home of Laura Webster of Corinth.

• The Grant County Chamber of Commerce announces their annual award winners, including Rick Skinner (Grant Countian of the Year,) Charlie Conley (Volunteer of the Year,) Sally Skinner (Excellence in Education,) Donnie Sechrest (Excellence in Business) and Jamie Baker-Nantz (Community Service.)

JUNE

• The Grant County Fiscal County passes a $10.4 million budget for 2012-13, down from $11 million the previous year.

• The City of Dry Ridge passes budget as concerns grow of reserves funds evaporating.

• The Grant County School Board adopts a policy to make all campuses and property tobacco-free.

• The 2012 Grant County Relay for Life event at Grant County Park in Crittenden raises more than $73,000 in the battle against cancer.

• Crittenden-Mt. Zion Elementary Chess Club competes in national tournament in Nashville.

• Williamstown High School named the 18th best high school in the state by U.S. News.

• Grant County Detention Center Chief Deputy Dennis Bailey is placed on administrative leave after an investigation into allegations of inappropriate conduct. Bailey was later cleared of the allegations, but fired by Jailer Terry Peeples.

• Sarah Schoenman, 30, of Williamstown dies in an automobile accident in Walton.

• A proposed aquatic center project between the City of Williamstown and Williamstown Schools is put on hold after city passes budget with "just the bare necessities."



JULY

• Chelsea Renee Wright Volker, 18, of Dry Ridge dies in a single vehicle crash on U.S. 25 in Williamstown.

• An undercover sting nets five drug arrest at Dana Corporation in Dry Ridge.

• The City of Crittenden passes its annual budget without cuts, leaving $2.12 million in reserve funds.

• Annual Grant County Fair opens week of events, gate prices increases to $10.

• Leonel Lopez-Limon, an undocumented alien living in Dry Ridge, was indicted for illegally entering the U.S. for a second time.

• Construction continues on a $3.8 million major realignment and widening of Barnes Road in Williamstown.

• The City of Corinth passes annual budget of $63,500.

• A state audit finds accounting records for the canteen fund at the Grant County Detention Center were "not accurate and complete." Jailer Terry Peeples vows changes as canteen closes.

• John Little of Dry Ridge dies in Gallatin County when the ambulance he was being transported in was hit head on by a SUV.

MAY

• Walter Hyden of Williamstown dies after his pickup truck wrecks in Cordova Road.

• Alexandra Young and Jacob Ewing, both Grant County High School students, compete in national speech, dram competition in California.

• James Simons of Corinth, along with two Owen County men, are arrested in connection with the death of a Frankfort man found along Interstate-64 in Franklin County.

• The Grant County Fiscal Court approves a $25 fire dues to be added to the tax bills of county residents outside of Dry Ridge and Williamstown. Residents can opt-out of the dues and receive a refund after they have paid their tax bill.

• The City of Williamstown celebrates the Kentucky Derby with the annual Derby Day festivities.

• Stretch of U.S. 25- Dry Ridge Bypass named for SFC James Bishop, a fallen soldier from Williamstown who died in 2006 while serving in Iraq.

• Sherman Elementary guidance counselor Krista Stanley named Kentucky Counselor of the Year.

• The City of Williamstown moves forward on construction of a new $16.6 million water plant.

• A Grant County Little League field house/concession stand at the Bobby Gibson Memorial Filed at Grant County Park in Crittenden is destroyed in a suspected arson.

• Grant County and Williamstown High School students celebrate with graduation ceremonies.

• A fire destroys Allen's Country Store in Corinth.

• A small group of KKK members gather "peacefully" near McDonald's in Crittenden.

• Primary election winners include Bill Adkins and Thomas Massie for U.S. representative, Wanda Crupper Hammons and Brian Linder for state representative and Damon Thayer for state senator.

AUGUST

• Kentucky State Police arrest 17 on drugs charges.

• Karri Edmondson named 2012 Miss Grant County while Morgan McClue chosen as Miss Grant County Fair.

• Williamstown Lake hosts second annual Paddle Williamstown event.

• Grant County, Williamstown students return to class for 2012-13 school year.

• Williamstown resident Judy Wiggington helps organize first U.S. 25 yard sale.

• Volunteers gather across Grant County to participate in Impact Kentucky, an event to help tornado victims.

• Karen Glore resigns from the Dry Ridge City Council.

• Grant County High School improves while Williamstown High School ranks high in ACT results.

• Joyce Doyle leaves post as Grant County 4-H agent to take same position in Carroll County.



SEPTEMBER



• Two Dry Ridge men were charged with robbery while a third suspect from Richmond was killed after an alleged break-in of a Verona man's home.

• Members of the Kentucky National Guard Alpha Battery, 2nd Battalion, 138th Artillery, including several from Grant County, were deployed to Africa to provide security to a U.S. naval base.

• Jailer Terry Peeples is sued for sexual harassment and a hostile work environment by former female employee Lee Ballard of Dry Ridge.

• Carisa Hughett fills seat of Karen Glore on Dry Ridge City Council after her resignation.

• Greg Crockett assumes the role of captain at Kentucky State Police Post 6 in Dry Ridge.

• The City of Williamstown celebrates Marigold Day with festival, pageants and parade.

• Deputy Jailer William McCarthy files a lawsuit against Jailer Terry Peeples claiming he was retaliated against after bringing allegations of corruption and wrongdoing at the jail to Peeples.

• Margaret Webster of Dry Ridge dies in a single-vehicle accident on Helton Street in Williamstown.

• A Crittenden couple files a lawsuit against a public adjuster alleging fraud and negligent misrepresentation after their home was damaged by the March 2 tornado.

OCTOBER

• Developers for Love's Travel Center return to Williamstown City Council to again ask for zone change.

• First-ever Cash Mob organizes in Grant County to help spur local economy.

• Williamstown and Dry Ridge Post Offices will not merge as fate of Jonesville Post Office remains undecided.



• Lamar Fowler to lead Grant County 4-H program after Joyce Doyle leaves for Carroll County.

• Jim Mackey builds Titanic-sized hayride for a haunted attraction at Creepy Ridge in quest to break Guinness Book of World Records.

• Clarence Fagan II of Dry Ridge lands in jail after making a prank 911 call.

• Suspected arson destroys historic Dry Ridge Consolidated Colored School at Grant County Park in Crittenden.

• State representative candidates Wanda Crupper Hammons and Brian Linder square off over NRA endorsements at the Meet the Candidates forum sponsored by the Grant County News and Grant County Chamber of Commerce.

• Williamstown City Council votes in favor of presenting a text amendment to the Grant County Planning Commission to allow a truck stop in a highway commercial zone after Mayor Rick Skinner break a 3-3 tie vote.

• Habitat for Humanity kicks off construction project to build Dry Ridge family a home after March tornado.

NOVEMBER

• Police nab a Bourbon County man after an alleged carjacking and armed robbery on Barnes Road in Williamstown.

• Craig Ruber, 40, of Dry Ridge, dies in a tractor accident on a farm he owned in Pendleton County.

• The Grant County High School Band wins runner-up honors at the state championship while WHS Band of Spirit finishes fourth.

• Two additional lawsuits filed against Jailer Terry Peeples by former employees, including former Chief Deputy Dennis Bailey.

• Winners in the 2012 general election include Thomas Massie (U.S. representative,) Damon Thayer (state senator,) Brian Linder (state representative,) Tina Beach Melton (county clerk,) Deborah Rogers (Grant County Board of Education,) Brian Barkley, Clara Mulberry Brown, Donna Duley, Martha Hicks, Larry Griffin and James Purcell (Crittenden City Council,) Scott Bates, Sara Cummins, Kenny Edmondson, Jim Hendy, Carisa Hughett and Fred Money (Dry Ridge City Council) and Kim Crupper, Eddie Gabbert, Troy Gutman, Jacqalynn Riley, Liz Wagoner and Charles Ed Wilson (Williamstown City Council.)

• Corinth City Commission approves sale of city building to the Corinth Water District.

• Trish Moneyhon named new postmaster for Dry Ridge.

• The Grant County Fiscal Court hears pros and cons of a proposed emergency services taxing district during a public forum.

DECEMBER

• The City of Williamstown celebrates Christmas with annual Santa's Wonderland events.

• The Grant County Fiscal Court votes 3-1 against a proposed emergency services taxing district.

• A Union man dies after being hit by a vehicle while walking along Ky. 36.

• Popular Grant County High School teacher Tom Pitts dies following a stroke.

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Dry Ridge woman takes up power tools, lands in magazine

By Jamie Baker-Nantz
Editor



Heather Patterson has found a way to make a business of combining her love of cooking, home remodeling, craft projects and blogging in a career. Photo by Jamie Baker-Nantz

Heather Patterson can wield a mean whisk, but she's also not afraid to grab a power tool and make something.

Patterson, a resident of Dry Ridge, didn't let never having worked with power tools before stop her from asking a lot of questions and learning to use a belt sander and miter saw in her first attempt at remodeling her spacious home.

She was so successful in her kitchen remodel that her efforts landed her in the November issue of Better Homes and Gardens in their "I Did It" section, featuring homeowners who tackle their own projects.

Patterson transformed her standard oak kitchen/dining and family room from ho hum to modern and sleek with her own hands.

Despite being a blogger, she and her sister co-author a blog At the Picket Fence, so named because Patterson wants it to be a place where people meet and talk, she got her inspiration from other bloggers.

"Blogs are the new magazine and most are by people who do things themselves. I got inspired to take on my kitchen because I had seen, by following their blogs, other women empowered to pick up a power tool. It's not just a man's world to use power tools," she said.

Her first remodel project was a small half bath on the main floor. After successfully completing its re-do, she set her sights on the kitchen project, which began in March 2011. She finished it in April 2012.

"I learned that when you start a DIY (do it yourself) project, it just takes time," said Patterson.

Patterson's husband, Lee, was willing to work with her on the transformation as was her neighbor, Will Taylor, a contractor, but she wanted to do the work herself. She did let her husband lift the bead board paneling into place as she attached to the walls. Taylor gave her advice.

"I just didn't want them doing the project," she said. "I wanted to do it."

The cabinets were the most intense and time consuming part of the project.

She began by doing research, online and in stores.

She also wasn't afraid to make mistakes.

"When someone decides on a DIY project, they need to start small and frame out a mirror and be OK with messing something up. You have to be willing to make mistakes because a $10 piece of wood isn't that big of a deal when you are talking about a kitchen remodel," Patterson said.

Patterson combined old world feel with newer, more modern items like her sink and laminate countertops, which look like granite, from stores such as Ikea. When she found feet for her cabinets that cost more than $20, she didn't buy them. Instead she pondered what she could use and still get the same look without the same price.

After wandering around a home improvement store, she settled upon curtain finials, which cost her $1.25 each, but gave her a high end look.

"I got a custom look for not a lot of money," she said. "By thinking out of the box, I was able to get something I wanted but something I could not have paid for if I hadn't done it myself."

As she went about the process, she blogged about her experiences. She also wrote a tutorial on how to do it and shared that online.

"I've had people who actually copied my design," she said. "That's exciting to know you've inspired someone to do something."

When she wasn't busy home schooling her son, Michael, 18, or her daughter, Mackenzie, 12, Patterson was in the kitchen cooking.

That's how her first foray into blogging started when she blogged her way through a year of cooking gourmet meals for less. At that time she didn't know much about blogs but had a goal of sharing her journey feeding her family on $10 meals for a year. By the end of the year, she had a vision.

Her sister had also started her own blog at that time. They began to explore the idea of combining their efforts so that the miles between Dry Ridge and Oregon wouldn't keep them from working together on a project. In January 2011, they launched At The Picket Fence, a place for two sisters with two homes to share one blog.

Their philosophy was to celebrate women and to share their success to inspire others on their virtual picket fence. They share responsibility for the blog and take turns on Sunday doing a faith-based posting.

"I'm not an interior designer. I've never taken a food class. I'm just a regular person who is self taught. I believe if you are passionate about something just do it, don't let someone tell you that you can't," she said.

As more followers have been attracted to At The Picket Fence, Patterson and her sister have taken on new challenges and new projects. On Friday, they have a link party and more than 450 bloggers link to their blog and share their projects.

"These are women, just every day women, some work and some don't, some are moms and some don't have children, but they create amazing things and are willing to share it with others. We're in awe of the talent that is out there," she said.

They have also had success in getting some of their works published in magazines, as well as obtaining sponsors for the blog.

This fall, Patterson was contacted by the Krylon Paint Company to do an art project for them using their products. She was paid for the project and also used it as subject matter on the blog. As more of these jobs are being available to her, she's also honing her photography skills and wants to explore the possibility of becoming a food photographer.

Patterson's sister, Vanessa, has started working with LG, who flew her to the New York Wine and Food Festival and was the guest of Bobby Flay, a Food Network star, while Heather was a speaker at a Southern Bloggers Conference in ?.

The women have also been hired by hometalk.com, along with five other bloggers, to be the company's ambassadors and to help home owners with how to questions.

"It's been crazy, but we're finally able to make some money at something we love to do. Becoming an ambassador for them has catapulted us into a different level," she said.

Patterson also hosts a Twitter party once a month.

"All these things are happening and it all started because we wanted to express ourselves and connect with other women," she said.

And word about the two women and their work is spreading. They have more than 7,000 fans on Facebook, 8,000 regular followers on the blog, 3,900 followers on Pinterest and 1,000 Twitter followers.

Part of their success may be their attitude about where a love of cooking, writing and projects has taken them.

"We chat, we share. It's about our families or whatever is going on with us.," she said.

The sisters continue to pick up work from various web sites and online businesses, as well as do their own design, graphics and photography for their blog.

Patterson grew up in California and moved to Grant County from Seattle. She's called Dry Ridge home for the last eight years, the longest she's ever lived in one location, but she's preparing to move again, this time to Atlanta for her husband's job with the federal government.

"The good thing about this career I've found myself in is that it can be done from anywhere and as long as I have a camera, a tripod, I'm good because everything is a story and there'll always be something for me to blog about no matter where I am," she said.



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